1. (Currently amended) A coating applicator assembly for coating fasteners ends protruding from a surface of a structure, the fasteners extending a specific distance above the surface, the applicator assembly comprising:

a handle;

a coating member made from open celled compressible foam having a coating transfer surface in a [[generally]] W shape with a V shaped central notch, the V shaped notch having side walls extending at an angle of between 40 and 50 degrees away from each other and a depth of between 65 and 85 percent of the specific distance of the fasteners extending above the surface and the outer surfaces of the W shaped surface extending outward at an angle of between 40 and 50 degrees and the depth of coating member is at least 4 times the depth of the central notch.

## Cancel claim 2.

- 1 3. (Currently amended) The coating applicator assembly as set forth in
- 2 claim [[2]] 1 wherein said foam is and open celled foam having a density of
- 3 between 2 and 3 pounds per cubic foot.

- 1 4. (Currently amended The coating applicator assembly as set forth in 2 claim 1 wherein:
- 3 said handle includes an axle;
- a drum rotatably mounted to said axles; and
  - said coating member in the form of a ring mounted to said drum, the peripheral surface of said drum having said W shape with a V shaped central notch, the V shaped notch having side walls extending at an angle of between 40 and 50 degrees away from each other and a depth of between 65 and 85 percent of the specific distance of the fasteners extending above the surface and the outer surfaces of the W shaped surface extending outward at an angle of between 40 and 50 degrees and the depth of coating member is at least 4 times the depth of the central notch...
- 1 Cancel claim 5.

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- 1 6. (Currently amended) The coating applicator assembly as set forth in
- 2 claim [[5]] 4 wherein said foam is and open celled foam having a density of
- 3 between 2 and 3 pounds per cubic foot.

7. (Currently amended) A coating applicator assembly for coating fasteners ends protruding from a surface of a structure, the fasteners extending a specific distance above the surface, the applicator assembly comprising:

a handle;

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a coating member made from open celled compressible foam having a coating transfer surface in a W shape with a V shaped central notch, the V shaped notch having side walls extending at an angle of between 40 and 50 degrees away from each other and a depth of between 65 and 85 percent of the specific distance of the fasteners extending above the surface and the outer surfaces of the W shaped surface extending outward at an angle of between 40 and 50 degrees and the depth of coating member is at least 4 times the depth of the central notch; and

a syringe mounted to said handle, said syringe having a nozzle having an outlet port positioned to provide coating material to said coating transfer surface.

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- 9. (Currently amended) The coating applicator as set forth in claim [[8]] 7
  wherein said syringe is releasably mounted to said handle.
  - Cancel 10.
- 1 11. (Currently amended) The coating applicator assembly of claim [[10]] 9
- wherein said output port of said nozzle is aligned with notch and the axis of
- 3 rotation of said coating member.

- 1 12. (Original) The coating applicator assembly as set forth in claim 11
- wherein said foam is and open celled foam having a density of between 2
- 3 and 3 pounds per cubic foot.
- 1 13. (Original) The coating applicator assembly as set forth in claim 12
- 2 wherein:
- 3 said handle includes an axle;
- 4 a drum rotatably mounted to said axles; and
- said coating member in the form of a ring mounted to said drum, the
- 6 peripheral surface of said drum having said W shape.
- 1 14. (Original) The coating applicator assembly as set forth in claim 13
- wherein said foam is and open celled foam having a density of between 2
- 3 and 3 pounds per cubic foot.
- 1 15. (Currently amended) The coating applicator as set forth in claim 7, or
- 2 [[8]], or 9, or [[10]], or 11, or 12, or 13, or 14, comprising:
- 3 means to pressurize said syringe; and
- a valve positioned between said output port of said syringe and said
- 5 nozzle for controlling the flow of the coating material.